



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 33, S. 2020

**ORDERING ALL BARANGAY UNITS TO ACTIVATE, MOBILIZE, AND
DEPLOY
THEIR BARANGAY HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS
(BHERTs), AND IMPLEMENT THE DIRECTIVES AS PROVIDED IN
THE 2019-nCoV INTER AGENCY TASK FORCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, on 30 January 2020 the Department of Health, thru Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, confirmed the existence of a first case of Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the Philippines. As such, the Department of Interior and Local Government has directed all local government units to be on a state of preparedness, and implement all the necessary protocols and procedures to prevent the further spread of the 2019-nCoV;

WHEREAS, in practicing vigilance against the possible spread of 2019-nCoV in the city, all barangay units are enjoined to implement stringent measures to immediately educate their respective residents with regard to this new, and fast-spreading, virus;

WHEREAS, barangays may efficiently and expeditiously carry out preventive measures and information campaigns in their respective areas through their Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs). As such, all barangay units in Baguio City are directed to immediately reactivate their respective BHERTs;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG, City Mayor, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs). All Punong Barangays are ordered to immediately activate, mobilize, and deploy their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams, and implement the guidelines as stated in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-018, and in the 2019-nCoV Inter-Agency Task Force Plan;

SECTION 2. Composition of BHERTs. Each barangay unit shall organize a minimum of one (1) BHERT, with an additional unit for every barangay with more than 5,000 residents, as may be required by the circumstances. Each BHERT shall be composed of an Executive Officer, one (1) barangay Tanod, one (1) Barangay Health Worker, one (1) Barangay Nutrition Action Officer, and one (1) Barangay Nutrition Scholar—where at least one member thereof must be a registered nurse or midwife. The members may be increased as the exigency requires, in consideration of the number of residents per barangay. The members of the BHERT shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay. All BHERTs shall act strictly in accordance with the duties and responsibilities as provided in the 2019-nCoV IATF Plan and in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 202-018, dated 31 January 2020;

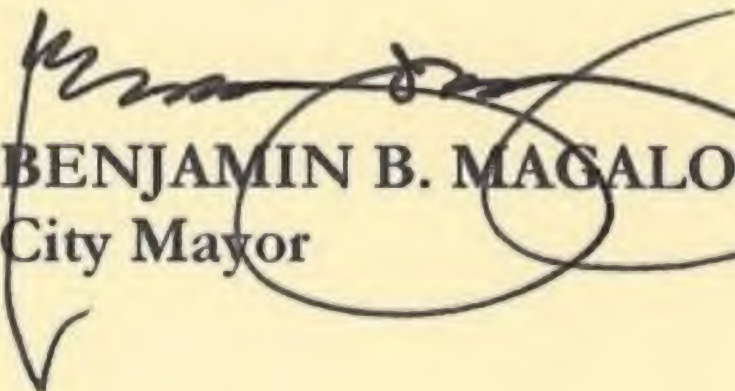
SECTION 3. Function and duties of the BHERTs. All barangay units, acting through their respective BHERTs shall carry out the following duties:



- a. Keep a list of persons arriving in the barangay from areas declared to have the 2019-nCoV;
- b. Submit said list to the 2019-nCoV Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF);
- c. Enforce a 14-day home confinement period for persons arriving from 2019-nCoV affected areas, in coordination with the DOH;
- d. Extend assistance and support to persons undergoing 14-day home confinement;
- e. Refer and transport suspected 2019-nCoV carriers to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, in coordination with the DOH and other police authorities;
- f. Conduct regular barangay-wide cleanup campaigns;
- g. Conduct a barangay-wide information dissemination campaign to educate residents on proper hygiene and sanitation practices, in accordance with the guidelines as provided by the DOH;
- h. Provide a Barangay Information center or hotline to facilitate, collate, and record all reports of suspected 2019-nCoV carriers and person with whom they have come into contact;
- i. Prepare status reports of the performance and activities of the BHERTs, and submit said reports to the 2019-nCoV IATF;
- j. Coordinate with the 2019-nCoV IATF to ensure that all necessary protocols and guidelines are completely and efficiently carried out;

SECTION 4. This order shall take effect immediately upon approval

Issued this 4th day of February 2020 in Baguio City, Philippines.


BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG
City Mayor